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Fire.

The alarm of fire was given, in Keytesville, last Friday about noon when it was discovered that the residence property of Mrs. A. A. Carmon, near the court house, was about to be consumed, the fire having originated through a defective flue in the south room upstairs.

It was thought at first the house could not be saved, and attention was at once turned to saving the contents belonging to the three families who occupied the building, viz: Mrs. Carmon and son, Frank; James Craig and family, and C. L. Herring and family.

After the contents had been pretty well removed, a blaze was bursting through the roof, near the flue where the fire was first discovered. The bucket brigade set to work to put out the fire which burned very slowly on account of the building's being constructed of native hard lumber—the weatherboarding being walnut.

The flames were soon subdued and the fire extinguished notwithstanding the high wind which was blowing at the time.

Two holes as large as a good-sized window were burned in the south end of the house and considerable damage was done to the roof in getting into the fire, but the loss will probably not exceed \$25 or \$30, and on which there was no insurance.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Most Perfect Made.

Prosecuting Attorney Ford.

Such will be the official title of ex-Mayor R. C. Ford, of Keytesville, after Jan. 1st, 1895, he having been elected prosecuting attorney of Taney county, Mo., by a plurality of 22 votes over his Republican opponent on Tuesday, Nov. 6th.

Mr. Ford moved from Keytesville to Taney county last July, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of law.

A few weeks ago he was nominated for prosecuting attorney of that county on the "coalition" ticket, but on the official ballot his name appears on the regular Democratic ticket.

Mr. Ford and the Democratic nominees for probate judge and judge of the county court for the western district were the only Democrats elected on the county ticket, the remainder of the Republican candidates for county offices being elected by pluralities ranging from 33 to 303.

We congratulate Judge Ford upon his recent political success, and trust it may prove a stepping stone to congress or the presidential chair.

The case of the state of Missouri against Chas. W. Meeks, taken from this to Carroll county on a change of venue, is set for trial in the Carroll county circuit court to-day. It will be remembered that Meeks was indicted for a criminal assault upon Pearl Haston, his 13-year-old sister-in-law, in July, 1893. The attorneys in the case are Prosecuting Attorney Wallace, of Keytesville, and A. F. Johnson, of Salisbury, for the state, and W. H. Bradley, of Salisbury, and I. H. Kinley, of Kansas City, formerly of Brunswick, for the defense.

Good Farm for Rent.

The A. V. Salisbury farm of 182 acres is for rent. It is located one-half mile northwest of Echo, and has two good houses, two good barns and plenty of water. All new land, this is one of the best farms in Harrison county, and anyone desiring to rent a valuable piece of property should investigate the matter. All rent for a term of three years if cured well. Enquire of

STEVE CRAWFORD,
Bynumville, Mo.

Sewing Machines.

Parties desiring reliable makes of sewing machines or a first-class piano organ will find it to their interest to call on Mrs. Geo. Herman, of Liberty. She handles the Domestic, New Home and White Sewing machines and guarantees them to be entirely satisfactory.

The Midnight Toughe.

Keytesville, through her drunken revels and midnight debauches, is unquestionably establishing a reputation that is doing our town an incalculable amount of injury, and unless something is done to put down such characters, retrogression and decay to our best business interests are sure to follow.

For several months the marshal has made no effort to apprehend numerous violators of the city ordinances, and in fact has usually retired to woo Morpheus long before the midnight toughs commenced their drunken carousals.

P. R. O'Bryan was elected marshal after City Marshal Veatch resigned, but he has not given the office his personal attention for some time, being engaged in a "sweeter" business, that of running the syrup factory, at Sumner.

When he left Keytesville for Sumner, Mr. O'Bryan put E. C. Curran in as deputy marshal, who has thoroughly proven himself to be the most worthless official who ever held an office in Keytesville. Fortunately for the city, Mr. Curran resigned last Monday, and C. C. Haney was sworn in as deputy marshal in his stead, but whether or not he will be an improvement on Curran remains to be seen.

Mr. O'Bryan will probably return next Monday, and says that hereafter he will give the office his personal attention.

One thing is certain, as mayor of this city we no longer propose to submit to such dereliction of duty in the marshal's office, and we have every reason to believe that we will be sustained in such a course by the city council.

The midnight toughs must be sat down on, and eat down on hard.

More Window Smashing.

Some unprincipled scoundrel broke the plate glass out of the front window of the COURIER office for the second time between 12 and 1 o'clock last Sunday morning. The instrument of destruction used was a brick bat, which was afterward found on the inside of the building.

The same window was smashed in the same way in December, 1892, but at that time the art glass above the plate glass was broken also, but last Sunday morning only the lower glass was demolished, which it will require about \$25 to replace, but not having the necessary funds with which to purchase another glass we have pasted up the wreck, thus giving the two legged canine an opportunity to "enjoy" the work of his cussedness as he passes by.

We had the glass insured for a year after it was broken out the first time, but the insurance expired last January.

Through the assistance of several friends we have offered \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who broke our window last Sunday morning.

Grand Jury Indictments.

The grand jury at the recent October term of circuit court returned seventeen true bills of indictment, as follows:

Ten for selling liquor without license, two for carrying concealed weapons, and one for assault with intent to kill.

Besides these, indictments were found in the following cases which have been disposed of:

George Bail, col., for petit larceny, and sentenced to county jail for 25 days.

John Seigel, for grand larceny, pleaded not guilty, and was acquitted.

John Golding, for burglary and larceny, pleaded guilty and punishment fixed at five years in the penitentiary.

Lorman Bentley, col., for assault with intent to kill, pleaded guilty and punishment fixed at five years in the "pen."

Mr. G. W. Rush and Mrs. Jennie Reed, of Salisbury, were married by Judge H. C. Miller, in Keytesville, on Wednesday, Nov. 14th.

A Traveling Fake.

About a month ago there appeared in Keytesville a nicely dressed young man, some 25 years of age, of swarthy complexion, black mustache, low, heavy set, and who gave his name as Patterson, and claiming to be a traveling salesman for the "Kansas City Mineralized Rubber company."

The young man came into the Courthouse office, made known his business and displayed a number of samples of rubber goods, out of which he proposed to have overcoats made at the low price of \$3.50 to \$4, that would fit any body, he taking the measure and sending the order to the house, at Kansas City, from which the coat would be delivered at an early day.

As a prelude to the transaction, persons who ordered a coat were to pay the sum of \$1, as an earnest of their intention to take the coat when sent to them by express.

After examining the samples of goods we told the slick-tongued young man that overcoats made of that style of goods were retailed at a much larger price than he proposed to sell them at. In short, we did not trade, and the young man sought other pastures.

Among others he interviewed on the same subject was Capt. R. M. Scott, who agreed to take a coat, but when he came down town next morning to pay his dollar and have his measure taken the nice young man had gone.

But the captain, needing an overcoat, and wishing to secure a good bargain, had his measure taken and sent to the house, at Kansas City, with an order for a coat, accompanied by all needed references.

The captain waited for a reasonable time for the coat to come; in the meantime was not certain whether the young man was a "fake" or his own references were poor in the estimation of the house. Recently, however, the captain received a letter which settled the matter for all time. It was his own letter, mailed to the house a month ago, containing the order for the coat, sent back to him from the dead letter office, at Washington, D. C. This was proof positive that no such a firm as the "Kansas City Mineralized Rubber company" had an existence, and that the nice young man was a fake of the worst order. The captain considers himself very fortunate in not having paid his dollar.

Some four or five others did, however, but for fear of stirring up unpleasant reflections we have not endeavored to ascertain who they are. Suffice to say, the next fellow that comes this way under a pretense of selling rubber overcoats at very reduced prices will not fare as well as did "Mr. Patterson."

MORAL:—Patronize home merchants whose business methods are straight and honorable, and whose profits are reasonable, and you will avoid being taken in by traveling fakes.

Robert Furrow, wife and girl babe, 14 months old, came in from New Murdock, Kansas, on the 9th inst. to visit relatives in old Chariton, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Furrow are natives. When Robert left Chariton county eight years ago he was a youth of 18, now he is a dignified young gentleman, wearing the proud title of "pa." The numerous friends of his father's family in Chariton county will be glad to learn these estimable old people, "Uncle Calvin" Furrow and wife, are doing well and enjoying life in their old age. Robert made us a pleasant call Tuesday.

We call the attention of Chariton county candidates at the recent election to the fact that every candidate, whether elected or defeated, must file an itemized statement of his expenses during the campaign. The candidate failing to do so is subject to a fine of \$1,000 under the corrupt practices act. Such statement must be filed within 30 days from the date of the election, which was held on Nov. 6th.

Pat Thrash Shot.

Pat Thrash, a Keytesville liveryman, received a slight wound just above his left wrist some time between 12 and 1 o'clock last Sunday morning. The wound was caused by a ball from a pistol, which afterwards fell out of Thrash's coat sleeve where it lodged on the opposite side from which it had entered.

It seems that Thrash was out with a gang of young men Saturday night, some of whom, at least were feeling their "tea," and that Thrash, who had also been indulging in the flowing bowl, was amusing the crowd by putting "a whole dime's worth" of chewing tobacco in his mouth at one time which, it is said, he "chewed" for fully a half hour without spitting, expectorating or slobbering.

This performance made the other boys smile, and they seemed to think that Pat was "drunker" than any of the rest of the "gang."

It was now 12:30 o'clock, a. m., and shortly afterwards Thrash sought his "bunk" in the office at his livery stable, but his "peace" was soon disturbed by some party, or parties, pecking on the window of the office.

Thrash asked them to desist, but as the "pecking" was repeated, Thrash reached above his bunk and took down his double-barreled shotgun, stepped around the corner of the office and fired the gun off over B. G. Willett's barn, as he (Thrash) says to frighten away the parties who had been "pecking" on his window.

Imagine Thrash's surprise when the shot from his gun was promptly returned by one of the parties who were near the calaboose, a few yards distant, and Thrash was shot. The pistol ball first struck Thrash's gun barrel and glanced downward, passed through his coat sleeve and inflicted a superficial wound above his left wrist. The pistol ball was flattened out on one side, caused, perhaps, by striking Thrash's gun barrel.

After being shot, Thrash again fired off his shotgun aimlessly, and hurried into the office. The party who had returned Thrash's first shot, fired off his pistol three or four more times, and then all three of the parties near the calaboose took to their heels and ran up the alley just south of Thrash's livery stable and turned north at the southeast corner of C. A. Chapman's residence.

Had Thrash not had his gun barrel in front of him at the time he was shot at, he would have likely been shot dead in his tracks.

Thrash vows that he does not know who shot at him, but this some people are disposed to doubt.

If such carousals are continued it is only a question of a short time as to when our undertakers will be given a job.

And there will be no tears shed at the funeral.

John R. Edwards, circuit clerk of Carroll county, was suddenly taken with a stinging sensation in his right wrist the latter part of last week, but could not tell the cause and supposed it was an acute attack of muscular rheumatism. He called in Dr. Highsmith, who found the trouble was caused by the presence of some foreign substance, which proved to be a darned needle about three inches long. By a skillful operation the needle was removed, and Mr. Edwards will soon be well again. He has no idea how the needle got there.

We have been informed that a certain candidate in one of the rural districts at the late election, kept a nice spring wagon busy a good portion of the day bringing in his delinquent friends to the polls, each of whom had the pleasure of walking home after casting his ballot. As might have been expected the candidate was badly left, and will get left still worse next time.

REMEMBER

That Harm's, the tailor, keeps a nice line of samples and guarantees a perfect fit.

Ford's Friends Send Greeting.

KEYTESVILLE, Mo., Nov. 14, '94.
R. C. Ford, Esq., Forsythe, Mo.

DEAR SIR:—It is with the profoundest satisfaction that your old Chariton county friends learn of your success in your new home. We send greeting, with a sincere wish for your future prosperity. We are satisfied that the people of Taney county will have no occasion to regret their action in electing you to the office of prosecuting attorney of your and their county. We subscribe ourselves, yours truly,

James E. Dempsey, J. C. Crawley,
B. H. Smith, T. J. Moorman,
J. M. Mason, T. J. Martin,
C. Hammond, B. F. Crawley,
Thos. E. Mackay, O. F. Smith,
H. C. Minter, O. B. Crawley,
Wm. H. Bradley, T. T. Elliott,
J. A. Collet, A. Moore,
T. T. Crane, H. B. Richardson,
H. A. Wheeler, H. H. Miller,
H. L. Mann, Ed T. Miller,
Jno. Chivers, W. H. Lewis.

Jasper Maddox, of Missouri township, was bound over in the sum of \$400 in 'Squire J. M. DeMoss' court here last Monday for his appearance before the grand jury at the next January term of circuit court, at Salisbury, for assault with intent to kill C. D. Turner, a former merchant, at Rockford. It seems that Turner had gone to Maddox's farm to assist Felix Langer in moving some household goods, Mr. Langer being the man to whom Mr. Turner sold his store a few weeks ago. An old grudge existed between Maddox and Turner, and on Turner's arrival at Maddox's Maddox ordered him off the place, emphasizing the order by shooting at Turner with a shot-gun. We refrain from any further comments at this time in regard to the case. Maddox is a man about 30 years of age, and married the widow of the late Wm. E. Colson, of Missouri township.

DEATH OF J. J. EWING.

Mr. J. J. Ewing, familiarly and affectionately called "Uncle John" by nearly all who knew him, died of paralysis at his home on Lincoln avenue, in Keytesville, yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, aged 68 years, 8 months and 20 days.

The deceased was a native of Virginia, but had resided in Chariton county since 1834, and up to three or four years ago owned and lived on the farm, one mile southwest of Keytesville, now the property of O. B. Anderson, since some time in the 50's. For the past three years Mr. Ewing has made his home in Keytesville.

He leaves an aged wife and several grown children to mourn his death. His remains will be laid to rest in the Keytesville cemetery to-day. Peace to his ashes.

We have been the recipient of a great deal of "sympathy" over the breaking of the plate glass window in the COURIER building, for the second time, last Saturday night. But the man whose "sympathy" counts is that of Mr. J. A. C. Phillips, Keytesville's thorough-going livery man and a strictly law-abiding citizen, who handed us 50 cts. toward purchasing a new glass. The sympathy that touches a man's pocket-book in time of another fellow-citizen's misfortune is the kind that is worth having.

By order of the Macon county court an election will be held in that county December 15th, for the purpose of voting on a proposition to compromise the M. and M. bonds, which now amount to over \$1,000,000, at 59 3/4 cents on the dollar. A petition containing the names of the requisite number of tax-payers had been presented to the court, and it could not do otherwise than order the election.

Four bonds of \$100, each, held by Keytesville parties in the Equitable Savings Investment Co., of St. Louis, were paid off last Tuesday. The lucky holders were: Messrs. C. L. and T. F. White, two bonds, and Wm. E. Hill and Seth Singleton, one bond, each.

See Sneed's new "ad" this week.

Probate court is in session this week.

Rucker & Hunt have had a big run on furniture this week. Their low prices did it.

J. J. Kendrick, of Brunswick, transacted business at the capital last Thursday.

Rucker & Hunt, the furniture men, plant an "ad" in this issue of the COURIER. Read it.

Frank Taylor and H. W. Williams, of Glasgow, were registered at Sneed's hotel last Monday.

Read L. E. Cook's "ad." He is making some very interesting prices on dry goods and groceries.

Marriage Licenses.

G. W. Rush and Mrs. Jennie Reed; Cyrus Wallace, col., and Mrs. Emma Strother, col.

Speaking of plate glass breakers, we hope, by rigid economy, to be able to replace our window at least half as often as the hoodlums knock it out.

Harry Glasgow, of 3 1/2 miles northeast of town, was tried by jury in 'Squire DeMoss' court last Monday and acquitted of the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Go to Rosenstem, at Brunswick, for all the novelties in ladies' dress goods and wraps.

Mr. S. P. Ewing, of Edgerton, Mo., who is a gauger at a distillery, at that place, came down to Keytesville the first of this week to attend his brother, Mr. J. J. Ewing, in his last illness.

Go to J. P. Moore, Keytesville, Mo., for cheap furniture and undertaker's goods of all kinds. He will give you rock bottom prices. Go see him before you buy, and save money.

Our fellow-townsmen, Mr. Hugo Bartz, who has been in poor health for some time, is now under treatment of Dr. Still, the celebrated bone doctor, of Kirksville, who is stopping at Salisbury for a month.

Mrs. John Broadus, of three miles northwest of Keytesville, expects to leave in about ten days or two weeks for El Paso, Texas, where she will spend the winter with her son Horace W. Broadus, and family.

Farm for Sale.

near Mendon, containing 500 acres, well improved, good house and new barn. Terms made easy, little money down and balance on time to suit purchaser.

O. B. ANDERSON.

STRAFFED OR STOLEN.

I will pay a liberal reward for information leading to the recovery of a black horse mule, 14 hands high, which I bought of M. A. Prather, four miles west of Keytesville, three or four weeks ago.

B. F. DAVIS,

Salisbury, Mo.

Some feeder will find it to his interest to call on Eugene Atterberry, three miles southeast of Keytesville. Mr. Atterberry has 500 barrels of splendid corn to sell, and a first-class fed lot to let to the right kind of a man.

City Attorney J. A. Collet is fitting up a law office at the court house in the room adjoining the circuit court room on the south. J. A. will find his new quarters quite convenient, and winked knowingly when he remarked that he expected to occupy the same room as prosecuting attorney after January 1st, 1897.